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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98, Applicants submit for consideration in the above-identified application the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of Document nos. 1, 5, 7, 11-16, 19-21, 24, 26-30, 35-41, 43-44, and 46 were previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement and/or Office Action, directed to the related application Serial Number 09/887,477 filed June 22, 2001 and, accordingly, copies are not included herewith. Copies of Document nos. 2-4, 6, 8-10, 17-18, 22-23, 25, 31-34, 42, 45, 47-49 are

submitted herewith. This protocol conforms with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d) and M.P.E.P. 609(A)(2).

The Examiner is requested to make these documents of record in the application.

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Applicants would appreciate the Examiner initialing and returning the Form PTO-1449, indicating that the information has been considered and made of record herein.

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